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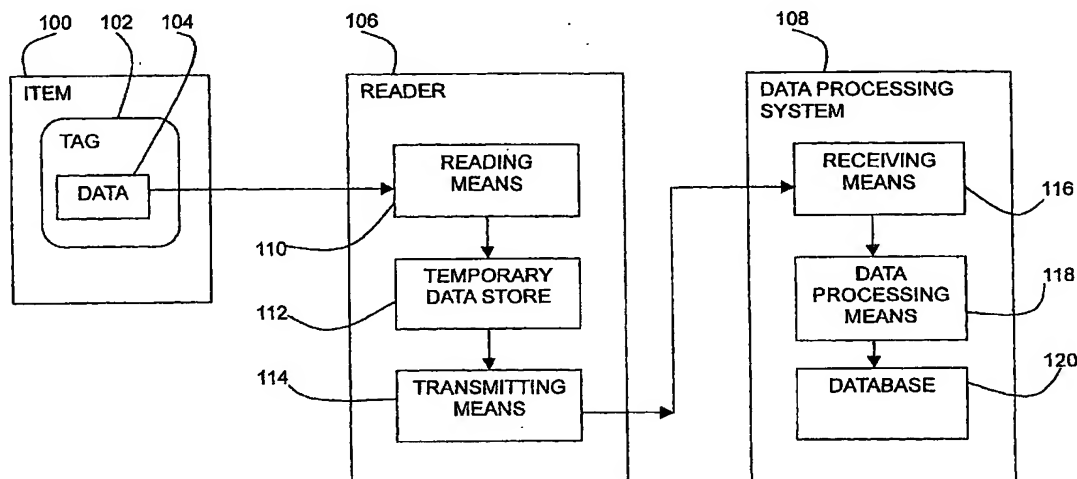
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(57) Abstract: An identification system is provided for controlling access to a resource such as a place, an object, data, information, payment means, or authority to act. The system includes one or more objects (100, 202, 310) each hosting an electronic tag (102, 204, 306); a reading means (106); and a data system (108). The electronic tag (102, 204, 306) has stored identification data (104) readable by the reading means (106) for processing by the data system (108). The identification system also has registration means for registering a set of identification data (212, 312) for one or more electronic tags (102, 204, 306). A user (200, 300) is permitted access to the resource when the user (200, 300) has in his possession at least one of the objects (100, 202, 310) hosting an electronic tag (102, 204, 306) with registered identification data (212, 312).

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